GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:354
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2003
NATIONAL HIGHWAY -77
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether flanks, road and several bridges on the Patna-Hajipur-Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi-Sombarsha (NH-77) at some places are in dilapidated condition;

(b) if so, whether the condition of this road has deteriorated after attaining the status of national highway;

(c) the estimated amount for this NH specification and converting it into four lanes alongwith the amount spent as on date;

(d) the amount spent or sanctioned for the development of this highway by the Union Government after declaring it NH;

(e) the details of yearwise allocation and expenditure thereof;

(f) whether this road is to be developed/repaired by the NHAI; and

(g) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to prepare NH-77 as per the specifications?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD) KHANDURI)

(a) Shoulders are depressed in some of the stretches, certain sections of the road need improvement and some bridges need rehabilitation on the Patna-Hajipur-Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi-Sonbarsha NH 77.

(b) No, Sir.

(c)&(d) Detailed estimates for required improvement works for bringing the entire road to National Highway standards, including four-laning, are yet to be prepared. It is too early to indicate the amount required for improvement as well as phasing of the expenditure.

(e) After declaration of the road as National Highway in 1999, Rs. 5.13 crore during 1999-2000, Rs. 7.05 crore during 2000-01 and Rs. 2.68 crore during 2001-02 have been sanctioned for the improvement of this NH.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Improvement of the road to NH standards would be undertaken in phases, depending upon availability of funds and inter-se priority of works on all India basis.